

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PACKETIZED
SUPPLEMENTAL WIRELESS DISTRESS SIGNALING**

Abstract of the Disclosure

In response to the triggering of a user's mobile terminal, such as
5 through pushing a dedicated button, by inputting a predetermined sequence
of digits, through a menu selection, or automatically in response to an
external input, a digital record containing user-specific information that is
stored in the mobile terminal is packetized and transmitted over a signaling
channel through the public wireless network, where the one or more packets
10 are marked as being emergency 911 (E911) packets. From the header
information in these packets, a Mobile Switching Center (MSC) in the wireless
network, recognizes these E911 packets as being destined to that MSC's
nearest Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), and transmits the information
contained in those packets to that PSAP.